



Haverhill Public Schools - School Committee Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of December 14, 2023

Governor Healey has extended pandemic-related authorizations thereby allowing remote and hybrid meeting options for public bodies through March 31, 2025.

Statement published for the record: those attending tonight's meeting should be aware that the meeting is being audio and video recorded by HCTV, ET and WHAV. Any audience members who wish to record any part of the meeting must inform the Chairperson who will announce the recording. This is to comply with the MA wiretap statute.

Roll Call - Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fiorentini, Chairperson called the meeting to order (7:00 pm) and requested a roll call vote:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Present in person	Attorney Rosa	Present in person
Ms. Sullivan	Present in person	Attorney Magliocchetti	Present in person
Mr. Wood	Present in person	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Present in person 8:03 pm
Mayor Fiorentini	Present in person		

Superintendent Margaret Marotta, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent Michael Pfifferling were also in attendance.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by the members and the audience.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of long-time teacher and #1 Hillie fan Mrs. Jean Ray.

Holiday Performance by the HHS Select Choir under the direction of Mr. John Salvi, Choral Director/Music Teacher.

Communications/Reports.

Public Comment (In-person & Remote).

Mr. Peter Yannakoreaus, Millvale Road, Haverhill, MA spoke against racism and anti-Christian ideology in our schools.

Ms. Jennifer Rubera, 115 Gale Avenue, Haverhill, MA thanked the Elks organization for their function hall donations for school functions along with writing grants to assist our schools such as, headphones' donation to the elementary schools. She acknowledged the grant writing of Carol from the Elks.

Mr. Joseph Michaud reported that food baskets would be donated to each school for needy schools.

Attorney Magliocchetti thanked Mr. Michaud and commented that the great need in the community.

Mr. Wood thanked Mr. Michaud for his commitment to helping people and wished him a wonderful holiday.

Mr. Michaud related that the Elks had donated clothing to area nursing homes along with Christmas Cards for each resident.

Student Advisory Council Report: Melanie Palacios.

Melanie noted that the student advisory council would postpone its presentation on early college and advanced placement until the new year with the seating of the new school committee. She related that next week would be Spirit Week according to the following schedule: Monday (July 4th in December); Tuesday (Ugly Sweater Day); Wednesday (Winter Sport Day); Thursday (Warm and Cozy Day with \$200 donation to Emmaus House); and Friday (Holiday Color Day).

Superintendent Comments/Reports.

Holiday Giving and Opportunities for those in need. Superintendent Marotta reported on the dedication of students and staff to the community through several activities and the “stuffing the bus” event. She acknowledged the generous donations to the communities and agencies. The superintendent asked if anyone experiencing need that they visit the holiday resource guide on the district’s web site to make connections to assist during this challenging holiday season.

John Greenleaf Whittier School Building Project. Superintendent Marotta reported that the school had been admitted into the MSBA new school building process. She stated that it would be approximately six (6) years in duration before there is a new building.

Mayor Fiorentini requested that the recognition of outgoing members be delayed until the end of the agenda.

The Proposed School Committee Meeting Schedule for 2024: Members [Updated Draft 12.04.23 HSC Calendar 2024 \(1\) \(1\).docx \(1\).pdf](#).

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the proposed 2024 meeting schedule. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Subcommittee Reports.

Maintenance Subcommittee Update: Attorney Magliocchetti & Mrs. Sapienza Donais. There was no report.

Athletic Subcommittee Report: Attorney Rosa (to be removed from the table 11.16.23).

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to remove the athletic subcommittee report from the table. Attorney Rosa seconded the motion. The item was removed from the table by verbal consensus of the members.

Attorney Rosa reported on a great fall season for Hillie Nation with the following achievements:

- Volleyball Girls’ {20-3 record, ranked second in the state, advanced to the MIAA state championship tournament quarterfinals, Coach Vin Pettis named MVC Coach of the Year, Emmerson Cerasuolo, named Player of the. Year};
- Swim & Dive Team {Kaylin Aquino won the MIAA state championship in 1M dive, Molly Jordan won the state title in the 100M backstroke, the Hillies finished 4th in the state highest finish since 1990’s, Molly Jordan was named MVC individual champion in 500M yard freestyle and Makenzie Hillgrove as the champion in the 100-yard backstroke};
- Cheer Team {MSAA regional champions, second place in MVC championship, sixth place at MSAA State Championship Event at Worcester State University};
- Soccer Boys’ and Girls’ {both teams won the MVC championships, girls’ team qualified for MIAA state tournament and won its first-round game};
- Cross Country Boys’ and Girls’ {both teams won the MVC championship; girls’ team perfect record 5-0 within their division, which was the first championship since 2011, the girls’ team qualified for the MIAA tournament and won its first-round game; Coach Mike Maguire was selected MVC Coach of the Year};
- Golf {Tommy Murphy won the MVC Championship Title at Mount Pleasant Golf Club};

- Football {the team finished the season on a positive note with a Thanksgiving victory over Lowell by a score of 20-12};
- Three (3) student athletes signed national letters of intent to compete in college: Brenna Corcoran committed to run track at UMASS/Lowell, Alex Bushey committed to play lacrosse at St. Leo University, and Kendall Holmes Lavalley committed to rowing at Holy Cross};
- Another student athlete Nate Vigo Cataldo will sign a letter of intent next week to run track at Georgetown University;
- Seven (7) student athletes: Maddie Goncalves, Brenna Corcoran, Emily Miller, Cale Wood, Jonathan Matombo, Deacon Phillipe, Jack Baker represented Haverhill at the MIAA Sports Summit held at the Gillette Stadium on November 9, 2023.

Attorney Rosa summarized:

- 350 student athletes participated on 20 teams;
- One (1) regional championship team;
- Four (4) conference championship teams;
- Two (2) individual state titles;
- Three (3) individual conference titles;
- Two (2) coaches named MVC Coaches of the Year;
- One (1) MVC player of the year.

New Business.

Superintendent's Recommendation for approval of financial transfers [12-12-23 Budget Transfer Request \(1\).pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve the financial transfers. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances [Technology Surplus 12.14.23.pdf](#) [CS Surplus 12.14.23](#) as indicated in the agenda material. SW GS

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to declare items surplus and dispose of in accordance with city ordinances. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20231201 & EV20231201B totaling \$1,273,060.63 [Detailed Warrant EV20231201 and EV20231201B.pdf](#) [Combined Warrants EV20231201 and EV20231201B.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood approve Warrant Number EV20231201 & EV20231201B totaling \$1,273,060.63. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20231201A totaling \$6,058.91 [Combined Warrant EV20231201A.pdf](#) [Detailed Warrant EV20231201A.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20231201A totaling \$6,058.91. Mrs. Sapienza Donais seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20231215 & EV20231215B totaling \$2,648,226.68 [Combined Warrants EV20231215 and EV20231215B.pdf](#) [Detailed Warrant EV20231215 and EV20231215B.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20231215 & EV20231215B totaling \$2,648,226.68. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes
0 members voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number EV20231215A totaling \$1,649.33 [Combined Warrant EV20231215A.pdf](#) [Detailed Warrant EV20231215A.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to approve Warrant Number EV20231215A totaling \$1,649.33. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Abstain
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative
1 member abstained

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 August 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,253.14 [Aug 2023 P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 August 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,253.14. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative
1 member voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 September 2023 P-Card totaling \$161.63 [Sep 2023 P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 September 2023 P-Card totaling \$161.63. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative
1 member voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Superintendent's Recommendation to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 October 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,632.78 [Oct 2023 P-Card.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Rosa to approve Warrant Number JE20231215 October 2023 P-Card totaling \$3,632.78. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	No	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

5 members voted in the affirmative
1 member voted in the negative
0 members abstained

Motion passes

Items by Consensus.

Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of the Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes of November 16, 2023, [Final Edit for Approval Hybrid Regular Meeting Minutes 11.16.23.docx.pdf](#) and the Use of Facilities [UOF 12.14.23.pdf](#) as indicated in the agenda material.

A motion was made by Attorney Magliocchetti to approve the items by consensus. Ms. Sullivan seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mayor Fiorentini	Yes

6 members voted in the affirmative

Motion passes

0 members voted in the negative

0 members abstained

School Committee Communications/Reports continued.

Recognition of Outgoing School Committee members along with their final addresses.

Attorney Magliocchetti expressed appreciation to the outgoing school committee members. He presented each outgoing member to with a certificate of recognition and a gift from the members.

WHEREAS, Mayor Fiorentini has always been mindful of the interests of children of the Haverhill Public Schools and has worked tirelessly to advance student achievement particularly by his support of summer school and extended learning time;

WHEREAS, Mayor Fiorentini has provided outstanding leadership and guidance throughout his tenure especially during extremely difficult fiscal times in the city, and

WHEREAS, Mayor Fiorentini has faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction served as a mayor and ex-officio chairperson for twenty (20) years;

WHEREAS, Mayor Fiorentini has provided leadership for several building projects including the construction of the Hunking School which was opened in December 2016, and the new Consentino School which will open during 2026;

BE IT RESOLVED, this certificate is presented for his dedicated commitment to public education and continuing service to the children of the Haverhill Public Schools.

WHEREAS, Scott Wood has always been mindful of the interests of children of the Haverhill Public Schools and has worked tirelessly to advance student achievement;

WHEREAS, Scott Wood has provided outstanding leadership and guidance to many school committee members and superintendents over his tenure and

WHEREAS, Scott Wood has faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction served as a member for twenty (20) years;

BE IT RESOLVED, this certificate is presented for his dedicated commitment to public education and continuing service to the children of the Haverhill Public Schools

For dedicated commitment to public education and continuing service to the children of the Haverhill Public Schools during her tenure on the school committee.

The full statements from Mayor Fiorentini, Mr. Wood, and Mrs. Sapienza Donais can be viewed on HCTV School Committee Recording of December 14, 2023.

A motion was made by Mr. Wood to adjourn the meeting 8:12 pm. Attorney Magliocchetti seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with the following results:

Mrs. Sapienza Donais	Yes	Attorney Rosa	Yes
Ms. Sullivan	Yes	Attorney Magliocchetti	Yes
Mr. Wood	Yes	Mrs. Ryan-Ciardello	Yes
Mayor Fiorentini	Yes		